WE CLAIM:

1. A non-radioactive, isolated, Lipid II compound of the following formula:

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wherein:

A is a hydrogen or a carboxyl group;

Ac is $-C(0)CH_3$; and

 W^{\dagger} is each independently a proton or cation selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkyl ammonium, and dialkyl ammonium.

2. An isolated Lipid II compound having a purity greater than or equal to 50% of the following formula:

wherein:

A is a hydrogen or a carboxyl group;

Ac is $-C(0)CH_3$; and

 \mbox{W}^{\dagger} is each independently a proton or cation selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkyl ammonium, and dialkyl ammonium.

- 3. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 60%.
- 4. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 70%.
 - 5. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 80%.

6. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 90%.

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- 7. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 95%.
- 8. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 98%.
- 9. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 99%.
- 10. The isolated Lipid II compound of Claim 2, wherein said Lipid II compound has a purity greater than or equal to 99.5%.
 - 11. A process for preparing a Lipid II compound, comprising:
- (1) providing a protected disaccharide core of formula
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(2) introducing an anomeric phosphate to form a compound of formula 12

(3) introducing a polypeptide linkage to form a compound of formula 7a

(4) introducing an undecaprenyl diphosphate linkage to form a compound of formula 8a

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(5) removing Pg^0 , Pg^3 , Pg^7 , and Pg^8 to form said Lipid II compound;

wherein:

A is hydrogen or a carboxyl group;

 R^2 is methyl;

Ac is $-C(0)CH_3$;

 ${\rm Pg}^{\rm 0}$ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg3 is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg4 is a carboxy-protecting group;

Pg⁵ is a hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg⁶ is a phosphate protecting group;

 Pg^7 is an amine-protecting group; and

Pg⁸ is a carboxy-protecting group.

12. A Lipid II compound prepared by the process of Claim 11.

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- 13. A process for isolating Lipid II comprising isolating said Lipid II at a pH greater than 6.
- 14. The process of Claim 13 wherein said pH is between 5 6 and 12.
 - 15. The process of Claim 14 wherein said pH is between 7 and 10.
- 10 16. The process of Claim 15 wherein said pH is between 7 and 9.
 - 17. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 50%.

18. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 60%.

- 19. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has 20 a purity greater than or equal to 70%.
 - 20. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 80%.
- 25 21. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 90%.

- 22. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 95%.
- 5 23. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 98%.
 - 24. The process of Claim 13, wherein said Lipid II has a purity greater than or equal to 99%.

25. A process for preparing a Lipid substrate, comprising:

(1) providing a protected disaccharide of formula 14

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15 (2) introducing an anomeric phosphate to form a compound of formula 12

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(3) introducing a peptide linkage to form a compound of formula 7

(4) introducing a lipid-carrier diphosphate linkage to form a compound of formula 2

(5) removing the Pg^0 and Pg^3 groups and deprotecting the P group to produce a lipid substrate of formula 1

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wherein:

Ac is $-C(0)CH_3$;

 Pg^0 is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg³ is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg4 is a carboxy-protecting group;

 Pg^5 is a hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg⁶ is a phosphate-protecting group;

 $\mbox{\ensuremath{R}}^2$ is hydrogen, (C1-C5) alkyl or (C1-C3)

10 alkylphenyl;

X is a lipid carrier;

P attached to the carbonyl is a residue of an amino acid or peptide, wherein P comprises a protected terminal carboxy group; and

P' is a residue of an amino acid or peptide.

- 26. A Lipid substrate prepared by the process of Claim 25.
- 20 27. A lipid II analog of formula 1

wherein:

Ac is $-C(O)CH_3$;

 Pg^{0} is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

 Pg^3 is an acyl hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg4 is a carboxy-protecting group;

 Pg^5 is a hydroxy-protecting group;

Pg⁶ is a phosphate-protecting group;

 \mbox{R}^2 is hydrogen, $(\mbox{C}_1\mbox{-}\mbox{C}_5)$ alkyl or $(\mbox{C}_1\mbox{-}\mbox{C}_3)$

10 alkylphenyl;

X is a lipid carrier;

P attached to the carbonyl is a residue of an amino acid or peptide, wherein P comprises a protected terminal carboxy group; and

15 P' is a residue of an amino acid or peptide.